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The Administration Recog-
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Worth.

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the philosophy and principles of his
vocation, he has devoted himself
very partially to his profession, and
has made no national reputation as
a lawyer. He stands in the front
rank of Democrats, as a philosophic
statesman—one not merely dealing

with the political questions of the
day, but the sociological and eco-
nomic forces that underlie politics
and government. He is an accom-
plished diplomatist and seldom fails

to carry his point. His great in-
tellectual resources and political sa-
gacity has more than once rescued
his party from what seemed inevi-
table ruin. He is beyond all question
the strongest man whom the
Democrats could nominate for Vice
President, as he would not only re-
ceive the enthusiastic support of

the party South, but would com-
mand as many votes at the North

as the most popular Democrat of

the latter section. His courtesy

and pronounced consideration for

his colleague, Senator Bruce, are

matters of frequent comment and

praise. Lamar is a pronounced

Democrat but a gentleman as well.

SENATOR MORGAN,

of Alabama, though one of the new
Senators, and until lately only
known in his State, not as a politi-
cian, but as a prominent lawyer, has
made a reputation as a man of
great ability. His speech upon
what are called the Edmunds Res-
olutions showed great research and
accurate learning, and the Demo-
cratic ideas on the question at issue
have not been—since the days of

Calhoun—expressed with more

clearness and force. He is des-
tined to become a leader of

great influence among the Democ-
racy. A handsome person, ple-
asant voice, ready and earnest utter-
ance, make up for this Senator just

claims to eloquence.

SENATOR HARRIS,

of Tennessee, is a fair representa-
tive of the vigorous, healthy, ag-
gressive people who have settled
Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri,
and in future political contests this
tier of States will furnish the pluck
and the conservatism of the South-
ern Democracy, and probably the
regulative element in the Demo-
cratic party itself. The Senator
possesses a remarkably lucid mind,
a clear, ringing voice, is an astute
politician, proposing to compass
political ends not only by wise
methods, but always consistently
with the proprieties and etiquette
of life. He is a man of great force

of character, great tenacity and in-

tegrity of purpose, and constantly

growing in the respect and confi-
dence, not only of his party asso-
ciates, but of his fellow Senators

irrespective of party. He is as

free from race prejudice as any

prominent Democrat in public life.

The portraiture I have given
cover the representative, leading
minds, North and South, of the
Democracy—the minds that will
hereafter play in order that
"thrift might follow fawning." This
thing began when the Agricultural
Department was supposed to be

swinging in the air; and now that

those who brought it into existence

have received their share of the
official pie, this nuisance, like a
mob, cannot be suppressed by the
hand which first put it into action.

I happened to call upon the Sec-
retary of State about two years
ago, and was politely informed by
a messenger that I must wait a few
minutes before seeing the secretary,
as he was at that moment engaged
with a "delegation of colored men." Curiosity led me to investigate the
personnel of this delegation, and the
following is the result of my analy-
sis. The delegation were com-
posed of fifteen persons, seven of
whom pretended to represent an
equal number of Southern States;
two had recently served terms in
the penitentiary; three had not long
since contributed to the wealth of
the city of St. Louis by serving six
months in the workhouse; two were
holding minor positions under the
government in this District; and one—the spokesman of the crowd
—a characterless, briefless lawyer.

If this sort of thing is continued,
and is not properly rebuked by the
respectable portion of our people,

we shall fail to receive any sort of

recognition at the hands of the Ad-
ministration.

As I predicted in a former letter,
the President has determined to
appoint to office six or eight col-
ored men from the South and he
has recently given an earnest
of his promise by appointing to
office Governor Pinchback, of Lou-
isiana, Hon. James J. Spellman, of

Mississippi, and Hon. James Hill,
of Mississippi. If the appointments
hereafter to be made shall be as
satisfactory to all classes as the
three just named, the President
will be more than fortunate.

Should the irrepressible and gen-
erally irresponsible "delegation of
colored men" be kept in the back-
ground until these appointments
have been determined upon, it will
be a God send to the gentlemen

whose names are now under con-
sideration by the President.

I speak advisedly when I say
that the "riff-raff" who usually com-
pose these "delegations of colored men"
have done more to humiliate and
degrade the industrious, trust-
worthy and intelligent men of our
race than can at present be esti-
mated. It is a fact, though perhaps
not generally known, that we have
here in Washington what are known
as "patent delegations"—that is to
say, a large number of lazy, shift-
less, loud-mouthed, ignorant, home-
less, colored lazzaroni, who lie
around low grog shops, or congregate
on the street corners, ready to be
mobilized into "delegations of colored
men" by any seeker-after-official-faiths
who may chance to come their way. They sometimes appear at the executive man-
sion in the garb of colored ministers;

at another time as refugees from

the Southern States; again, as colored
working men, but in each and every case they are "here, Mr.

President, to urge the appointment of Mr. — to the office of

—. Mr. — is the rep-
resentative of the race and as such

should receive the appointment he

desires." They—the "delegation of colored men"—have been spe-
cially deputed by their constituents
to address the President in this behalf."

This sort of thing has been carried so far that

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A juror's oath is, just now, a test of the Democratic party's patience.

A free election in the South means just what the Democratic party elects to make it.

AMERICAN cattle are prohibited in England. English laborers will soon forget the taste of beef.

In this peaceful age, Lord Napier, of Magdala, aspires to be a "biger" man than old Wellington was.

The President is perplexed about the anti-Chinese bill. Let justice be done, if the Republican party go by the board.

Our collector that was is no more as such; but then there's a consularship in Funchal which Jim Anderson declined.

Our national constitution is the embodied wisdom of great men. But then that was over one hundred years ago.

There's a trying amount of smoke about town. They say Uncle Sam is having smoking bout with the tobacco dealers.

Dandy silk-stockings and greasy short-hairs are having nightly confabs. Verily, "politics makes strange bed fellows."

THAT simple-minded grand jury has once more insulted, by indictment, the right George of a Democrat-in public opinion.

After the fourth of March the nation will go to the demolition bow-wow, so the senatorial employees at Washington think.

WHEN our political swallows homeward fly, we may be sure there's no more sunshine of official pap at Washington, for them, at least.

Arrived an era of unparalleled extravagance, the Viceroy of Egypt has commissioned General Necessity to retrench and fatten his finances.

BAYARD's pacific statesmanship provokes a prolonged howl of disgust from our political dervishes in these parts. Now, then, Thru-man him out of his presidential chance.

Will the constitutional convention vacate the present State Government? is a question which Gov. Nichols may have to answer to somebody's bitter disappointment.

When the Vicksburg Herald counsels patience and contentment at home for colored men intending to leave for the northwest, it is about time to ask what lasting friendship can there be between a wolf and a lamb.

We note with pleasure in the past that as the various legislatures assemble the claims of colored men are finding some recognition. The Wisconsin legislature elected a colored sergeant-at-arms; the Illinois legislature, a colored doorkeeper, the Kansas legislature elected as doorkeeper Mr. W. L. Engleson of the Colored Citizen. These are small favors, but better half a loaf than no bread.

ABOUT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans should be a great city commercially, whatever she might fail to be otherwise. Seated hard by the Gulf, while lapsing near its mouth the waters of a river draining the richest valley of North America, and within a few days of steam of the wealthiest of the Antilles, she has natural advantages of domestic and foreign commerce which entitle her to the first rank among her competitors in the country. Notwithstanding this, she is prematurely old, wrinkled and decrepit, and but a pitiful shadow of her former bloom, beauty and vigor when she reigned the proud queen of the Southwest. The most thriving section of the fertile Mississippi Valley, embracing the States north of the mighty stream, have long ceased to pay her homage, having transferred their patronage elsewhere. So unimportant has become this former emporium of commerce that her Democratic Congressmen are unable to extort from a Democratic House of Representatives as much of an appropriation for the improvement of her harbor as is given to second rate lake ports in the West. Why has this city, so bountifully blessed of nature, fallen from her high estate to her present humiliating condition? The painful reply is, New Orleans is not in harmony with the saving ideas of the age which distinguish prosperous communities. Her merchants lack the energy to supplement nature's means of transportation. They are bled freely in pocket to maintain proscriptionists in power against the solid happiness of the colored race which are the true lever of the city's prosperity in the State. When the red-handed murderers of the cotton laborers are dragged to justice, they find in this class warm sympathy and open purse to shield them from the stern vengeance of the law. The Republican party, which has shaped the policy of the nation for nearly a quarter of a century, and the friendship of which it were worth while to seek, is loaden down with opprobrious terms. The policy of the city seems, to be firmly lashed to the huge, dead ideas of the past, as if the South were still supreme in the nation and "Buck and Breck" held forth at each end of Pennsylvania Avenue. Until New Orleans opens her eyes wide to intelligent enterprise, shakes off her reactionists and quaffs in a generous draught of independence to think and act without slyish dictation from politicians, who will say that frogs and alligators may not yet hold high carnival in the site of what is now the customhouse?

It is a matter of some regret that the Senate passed Mr. Edmunds' amendment resolutions. For once, the learned Coke of the Senate has been unwittingly betrayed into giving away a party advantage. This action of the Senate carries with it the appearance of some doubt about the validity of the amendments; with the Republicans there can be no question of the sound legality of the amendments. If it was therefore the intention of Mr. Edmunds to place the Democrats on record in a matter of such vital issue, the effect sought has lost its moral force, as they can, with extenuation, on any purely political question emanating from a Republican Senate, vote in the negative. The matter should have been remitted to a Democratic Senate which comes into power on and after the 4th of March. In the day of their supremacy the true inwardness of the Democracy will discover itself as to whether it will outrage the progressive spirit of the country by daring to question the validity of the amendments should the occasion at any time arise for a party vote on the same. We are anxious to see how far a simon pure Democratic Congress has advanced in its conceptions of the rights of man, and especially of the black man. For the sake of whatever is good in human nature, we hope time may soon prove that from its many years of exile, the Democratic party has returned to life imbued with advanced ideas of statesmanship.

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And it is the only razor which can decently shave boubons to make them presentable at the court of king progress.

HER CONTRASTED EXCELLENCE.

Indulgent reader, the above heading refers not to some charming woman, but to Great Britain, the Rome of modern times. Bold as lion and cunning as a fox, she shrinks from no contest where glory awaits her from the arbitrament of arms or from the wiles of diplomacy. Greedy as the shark which swallows as quickly a red-hot cannon ball as it gulps down a fat chunk of pork, Great Britain absorbs everything that comes in her way in the shape of habitable land in civilized or savage regions. Her characteristic love of gain which sends her wares broadcast, from the palace of the refined European prince to the jungles of Africa, is accompanied with a shield of protection in ships of war on every sea and a fearless soldiery in every clime. But no one of her virtues, as a mighty power, contrasts so conspicuously with her many glowing faults as the protection she gives her subjects the world over. "I am a British subject" is no less potent in our day than was the subduing effect on kings and people among the ancients to hear the declaration, "I am a Roman citizen." To owe allegiance to the English crown is to be safe in Dahomey, China or Russia. In keeping with this traditional policy of protecting the subject, England is generally emboldened with other powers. In 1863 she invaded Abyssinia, at an immense expense, overthrew the ferocious Theodore, and crowned the victor of that successful expedition with an elevation to the peerage, and all this on account of the imprisonment of a few subjects. In 1873, to avenge an alleged imposition on her African Fante allies, she chastised the King of Ashantee, a powerful West African Prince, at an expense of one million dollars. She is to-day engaged in a struggle with the Zulus to avenge her imperial honor for the insult offered it by a two hours' detention of two Englishmen who were tramping in Zululand. But millions of Americans at home, whose production of great staples gives the nation yearly the balance of trade, are subject to ruthless butchery, and the voice, much less the arm, of the nation, is too weak to interfere. A sickening contrast with Great Britain, truly!

"THE MILLS OF THE GODS GRIND SLOWLY, BUT THEY GRIND EXCEEDINGLY FINE" is an old adage, and seems to gain force with age. When the Senate of the United States had under consideration a bill to restrict the immigration of Chinese to this country Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, who was temporarily occupying the Vice President's chair, called Senator Bruce, of Mississippi, to preside. This is the first instance in the history of the country where a colored man has attained so prominent a distinction. In this instance it was a compliment to a worthy and distinguished representative of the race, whose general deportment, modesty and sagacity have won for him high encomiums even from political opponents. Senator Bruce presided with great dignity and becoming honor, and did not seem at all abashed by the novelty of the scene.

There was an event in the recent gathering of Bishops of the Anglican communion in London worthy of record. It was the reception and treatment of J. T. Haley, Bishop of Hayti, a full-blooded African. He was most cordially received by the English people, and won golden honors from all by his Christian bearing. He was invited by Dean Stanley to preach in Westminster Abbey on St. James' Day. His text was from Mathew xx, 21: "And He said unto her, what wilt thou? She said unto Him, grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left, in Thy kingdom." The Bishop's sermon was a noble effort.

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THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

The organic law of our National Union is an enduring monument to the genius of the men who framed it. At a period extending from the time of its adoption to the commencement of the civil war, it met the purposes of its creation with an exactness suggestive of it as an inspired origin. Under its rule, the compact of States started out on its mission to give mankind a successful experiment, on a grand scale, of a constitutional government by the masses. The country prospered beyond the expectation of the wildest enthusiast. Years ago the adaptability of the constitution, in the main, to our national wants, ceased. It remains a magnificent relic of the finite wisdom of man in his highest prescience. The momentous changes effected by the war in the upheaval of the social fabric of nigh one half of the Union has left it as unsuited for the present, as it is no longer needed for the future, development of the country. The patchwork of amendments designed to bring it into nearerhood with the existing state of society is a hollow truce between political expediency and exalted statesmanship. The changed social relations in the South which affect the whole country, call for a new constitution—one which would need to speak with no uncertain sound on all disputed questions out of which have been evolved many of the false theories which have disastrously agitated the nation. Nationality and citizenship would have to be incorporated in such an instrument with bluntness of language that would scourge out Calhounism and hold the bulldozer in trembling awe at the majesty of the law in the black, as in the white, citizen for recognition of suffrage citizenship in the organic law would necessarily impose on the Government the duty of affording the protection now withheld from us in the attempted enjoyment of our public rights. Till the country can have a fundamental law coming up to her new requirements, the constitution, as it now is, must, for colored men, essentially be a tragic mockery.

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BULLDOZING THE U. S. COURTS.

In the Arkansas Legislature, January 28th, Representative Miller, of Clark, introduced a bill practically abolishing the county of Clark and dividing the territory between Dallas and Nevada counties, records and civil actions to go to the former county. Heavy judgments of the Federal Courts against Clark county is the cause of this action. The object of this resolution is, evidently, to prevent the creditors of Clark county from securing their money, and the action proposed is a new and novel mode of repudiation. Now, suppose the idea be carried out in Congress by "practically abolishing" the State of Arkansas and dividing its territory between Louisiana and Missouri. Arkansas is as badly in debt as Clark county, and stands as much in need of abolishing.

The bill to repeal the charter of the city of Memphis, is, we presume, a measure of the same description and for the same purpose, that is bulldozing her creditors. One would suppose that no good reason could be assigned for repealing the charter of a city, but reasons are, sometimes, "as plentiful as blackberries." Ordinary minds could see no reason why Mississippi should refuse to pay her debts to the Rothschilds, but that eminent statesman, Gov. McNutt, of Mississippi, said it was because the Rothschilds were "Shylocks who held a mortgage over the holy soil where the body of our Savior was buried."

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SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 1879.

Who did Hayes "sit down on?" Say it softly—they will soon be with us.

CAL. ROBERT HARLAN, of Cincinnati, arrived in the city on Wednesday and is the guest of Governor Pinchback.

The confirmations of Generals Badger and McMillan will no doubt pave the way for speedy new appointments.

"Alas! poor Yorkick, I knew him well." Mourning for him that is gone. An asylum awaits him where close to her shores the Atlantic rolls.

The investigation of the "tobacco frauds" promises some rich developments. We quote a few of the "heads" of developments will fall by the wayside.

Do we understand the new collector to say that he had one thousand applications to date? or did he fail to count the last batch received inside of twelve hours after his confirmation became known?

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." Late events have more strongly than words can portray, brought back to us with crushing force the truthfulness of the prediction of the immortal bard.

"Some men have greatness thrust upon them." We fear the President silently repealed the above quotation when his messenger informed him that Louisiana's great quartet had retired, beyond the grounds of the executive mansion.

The outs were little more buoyant on Wednesday owing to the report that the committee on commerce had reported unanimously for Gen. Badger's confirmation. Why did we say the outs when it is universally hoped that his confirmation will be speedy—but, but ain't we minus four?

And so the Central American Mission will pass from the sight of Louisiana's (?) much endorsed son like retention in the collector's office and appointment to postmaster's. It was to him as the waters were to the mythical Tantalus. We fear that his political greatness has bloomed unfaded.

We learn that a new organization of a social character has lately been organized composed of the younger element of society of both sexes under the name of the "Young Athenaeum." We may probably give a list of its officers in our next issue. We wish them success and await anxiously the first entertainment.

This President seems bent on retiring a few of our many leaders to the quiet shade of private life, for which we thank him and try to observe that if merit (not of New York) will constitute the stepping stone for future political success here among us, we promise that no mention more of them shall be heard. A hard fate, but necessarily a fair one.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Miss Genevieve Rogers has had a very successful week at the above theatre in her performance of "Maud Muller." At the matinee to-day she will play her new American drama entitled, "Cousin Betsy." To-night, "Ticket of Leave Man." To-morrow evening Miss Louise Pomeroy, in her emotional play, "The Adirondacks." Grand Mardi Gras ball, February 25th.

The entertainment given by the "Independent Social" on Thursday, 13th inst., was in every respect a most pleasurable affair. The spacious parlors were crowded, and around the festive board were gathered a most brilliant and happy company. Mr. Thompson, the President, in a well chosen and highly creditable address in behalf of the organization, welcomed the guest, and in behalf of the guest we were called upon to respond. The ladies and gentlemen composing the "Independents" have our sincere wishes for continued success.

SINCE his decision in the school case of Bertonneau vs. The School Board sustaining the caste views of the community, Judge Woods is, in the estimation of the Democratic papers, "most excellent and most learned Judge." Now let him dare next to send any of the political banditti to the penitentiary, and there will not be found enough billingsgate for these same papers to wash him down with.

Before our next issue Mardi Gras will have come and gone. The city has already put on a holiday appearance, for the different places of business are floating the flag with the insignia of His Majesty Rex. Every in-coming train and boat is crowded with visitors to the city of *fifl passions*, now sadness now joy—which bespeaks a right royal welcome to his most gracious excellency and no less distinguished suite. As Mardi Gras must be, then let us give a hearty and hospitable welcome to our friends and visitors from the neighboring States. To the happy masqueraders, joy, mirth, and gladness. To His Majesty, long life and eternal sovereignty.

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